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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A process for the isomerisation of the Z-isomer I-Z of a compound of the general formula I into its E-isomer I-E

$$(R^{1})_{m}$$

$$= N - M$$

$$(R^{3})_{q}$$

$$(R^{2})_{p}$$

$$(R^{2})_{p}$$

$$(R^{3})_{q}$$

$$(R^{3})_{q}$$

$$(R^{3})_{q}$$

wherein

m, p and q are each independently an integer of 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4

R¹, R², R³ are each independently halogen; OH; CN; NO₂;

 C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, optionally substituted with C_1 - C_4 -alkoxy, C_1 - C_4 -haloalkoxy or C_3 - C_6 -cycloalkyl;

C₁-C₆-haloalkyl;

C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl;

 C_1 - C_6 -alkoxy optionally substituted with C_1 - C_4 -alkoxy or C_3 - C_6 -cycloalkyl;

C₁-C₆-haloalkoxy;

C₁-C₆-alkylcarbonyl;

C₃-C₆-cycloalkoxy;

C₁-C₆-alkoxycarbonyl or

C₁-C₆-alkoxycarbonyloxy;

which is characterized in that comprising reacting the Z isomer I-Z or a mixture of the stereoisomers I-Z and I-E is reacted in the presence of iodine.

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Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein iodine is used in amounts from 0.1 to 10% by weight, based on the total amount of the compound of the general formula I.

Claim 3 (Original): The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the isomerisation is performed in an inert solvent or diluent.

Claim 4 (Original): The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the isomerisation is performed in the absence of a solvent or diluent.

Claim 5 (Original): The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein a mixture of the isomers I-Z and I-E having an E/Z ratio ranging from 15:1 to 2:1 is reacted.

Claim 6 (Original): The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the isomerisation is performed at a temperature ranging from 40 to 150°C.

Claim 7 (Original): The process as claimed in claim 1, where in formula I m, p and q are each 1 and

 R^1 , R^2 , R^3 are each independently halogen, CN, C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, C_1 - C_6 -haloalkyl, C_1 - C_6 -alkoxy or C_1 - C_6 -haloalkoxy.

Claim 8 (Original): The process as claimed in claim 7, where in formula I R^1 is CF_3 located in the 3-position of the phenyl ring, R^2 is CN located in the 4-position of the phenyl ring and R^3 is OCF_3 located in the 4-position of the phenyl ring.